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John J. Cuniff (Reg. No. 42,451)RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, the Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required the election of the claims of either Group I or Group II for examination. The Examiner classified claims 1-10, drawn to a device, as belonging to Group I, and claims 11-24, drawn to a method, as belonging to Group II.

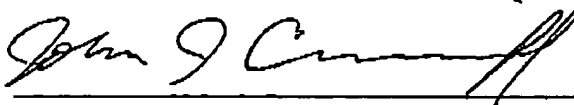
The Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II with traverse. The Applicants assert that restriction is improper in the present case for the following reasons. The Examiner alleged that the inventions of the claims of these groups are distinct because the prepolymer recited in claim 14 could be selected from a group consisting of electron-beam-curable prepolymers. However, claim 14 recites that the prepolymer is selected from the group consisting of UV-curable and heat-curable prepolymers.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and consideration of claims 1-24 of the present application.

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